



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Docket No. 408870)

In re the Application of:)
Bartholf et al.)
Serial No.: 09/782,444)
Filed: February 13, 2001)
For: STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM HAVING)
DELIVERY CATHETER MEMBER WITH A)
CLEAR TRANSITION ZONE)

Art Unit: 3738

Examiner B. Snow

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-16

Please add the following new claims:

22. A medical device delivery system for a self-expanding stent comprising:
an outer sheath comprising an elongated tubular body member and a distal section;
said sheath comprising an inner layer having braiding disposed thereon, and a coating applied over and bonded to the braiding with the coating of said distal section formed from a light transmissive material;